Regularization of CIC's services in North-Eastern States

2117. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to utilize the 487 CICs established in North-Eastern States as well as the CIC personnels after completion of the CIC projects in February, 2007; and

(b) whether government would consider about regularization of their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) As per the approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Government of North Eastern States' 487 CICs.established in North Eastern States would be handed over to the State Governments in February 2007. Thereafter the operational control, maintenance and management, of CICs will be with the State Governments.

Inter-connect exchanges

2118. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up National Inter-connect Exchange to meet the problem of delays in inter-connection between operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The inter-connection is provided based on the agreements worked out between the telecom service providers.